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3 things you need to know

HACK EXPOSES 412M ADULT WEBSITE USER CREDENTIALS

Login credentials for over 412 million users of adult websites run by California-based FriendFinder Networks Inc. were compromised last month in the largest hack of 2016, according to breach notification website LeakedSource.com. Compromised data includes nearly 340 million credentials for Adultfriendfinder.com, which bills itself as "the world's largest sex and swinger community," some 63 million records from video sex-chat site cams.com and about 7 million records from adult magazine site Penthouse.com, LeakedSource said in a blog published on Sunday. Representatives of FriendFinder Networks, one of the world's biggest adult website operators, could not be reached for comment on Monday. REUTERS

UPS AIR MAINTENANCE WORKERS VOTE 98 PERCENT TO STRIKE

2 Air maintenance workers at United Parcel Service Inc have voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike against the world's largest package delivery company as contract talks remained deadlocked over health care benefits, the workers' union said on Monday. Teamsters Local 2727 said 98 percent of those who took part in a mail-in ballot voted to authorize strike action. Eighty percent of the local's 1,200 members participated in the ballot. Contract talks have been ongoing for three years. If they remain deadlocked Monday, union representatives say they will begin the process that could lead to a strike within 60 days. The main sticking point has been healthcare benefits. The Teamsters say UPS is demanding major concessions, including a massive spike in retiree contributions for health-care costs. REUTERS

SAMSUNG TO BUY CAR TECH COMPANY HARMAN FOR $8 BILLION

3 Samsung Electronics has agreed to buy Harman International Industries in an $8 billion deal, marking a major push into the auto electronics market and the biggest overseas acquisition ever by a South Korean company. The transaction highlights Samsung's efforts to break into the high-barrier automotive industry where it has little track record and also marks a strategic shift for the electronics company, which has previously shunned big acquisitions. "An M&A deal this big is a first for us. But it shows that under Jay Y. Lee, the company is changing and open to new ways to grow," a source familiar with the deal told Reuters, referring to Samsung Electronics' vice chairman. REUTERS

People stage a protest against President-elect Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

Pro-choice groups vow to fight Trump on abortion rights

'We are not going to let it happen,' advocates say in response to Donald Trump's comments about overturning Roe v. Wade.

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What would it mean in Pennsylvania if Roe v. Wade was overturned?

Before the landmark Supreme Court decision in 1973, abortion was a criminal offense in Pennsylvania. So women in need of abortions had to seek an illegal abortion and avoid getting caught.

In Philadelphia, Carol Tracy, executive director of the Women's Law Project, recalled that there were hospital wards full of women injured and dying from botched abortions. Women killed using knitting needles to attempt their own abortions.

"What we all know is whether abortion is illegal or not, women have abortions," Tracy said.

President-elect Donald Trump reiterated Sunday on "60 Minutes" that he would nominate justices to the Supreme Court who would overturn Roe v. Wade, but acknowledged that such a change can't happen overnight.

"Having to do with abortion, if it ever were overturned it would go back to the states," Trump said. Asked if some women wouldn't be able to get an abortion in their state, he added, "They'll perhaps have to go to another state. … We'll see what happens. It's got a long way to go, just so you understand. That has a long, long way to go."

Regardless of how distant the possibility is, that doesn't lessen the risk, Tracy said.

"We should take him at his word," she said. "It's not at all extreme to be very, very worried."

The Women's Law Project challenges gender discrimination in a number of areas, including reproductive rights and abortion access. They've already gotten more calls from people hoping to volunteer since Trump was elected, and Tracy vowed to battle any efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade.

"There is no way I believe all the rights we have won in the last 50 years are going to be overturned in four years' time," Tracy said. "We are not going to let it happen."

Women's Way, another Philly nonprofit that advocates for women and girls, echoed a willingness to fight a Trump administration on the issue.

"Women's Way remains very concerned about the future of reproductive rights in this country, especially with all of the state restrictions enacted over the years," Women's Way said in news release. "Women would no longer have the constitutional protection to make their own decisions about their bodies and seek appropriate health care safely and legally. … We remain committed to defending reproductive justice."

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Philly mayor asks residents to 'call out bigotry when you see it'
Mayor Jim Kenney urged residents on Monday to "call out bigotry" during an appearance at the inaugural Philadelphia Unity Cup, a World Cup-style tournament between 32 teams featuring the city's immigrant groups.

"The most beautiful game" is known for having an ugly side, and the mayor addressed the ugly side of "the city of brotherly love" after recent hate crimes and Saturday's flash mob assaults that left six injured.

"I know right now that many Philadelphians are feeling anxious, angry, afraid and even hopeless," Kenney said during the Unity Cup's closing reception. "Others feel emboldened by hateful rhetoric to act out in destructive ways.

"And for many of you, those feelings of disenfranchisement predated this election. In some cases, those feelings are centuries old.

"But, if we allow any of these feelings to guide us to violent or hateful actions, then we are no better than what we claim to oppose."

Kenney said that attacks, intimidation and damage to property have no place in the city and those who commit these crimes "will be caught and charged to the fullest for breaking those laws."

"Regardless of whether you are committing these crimes or saying these slurs in support of the president-elect or against him, it is not welcome in Philadelphia," he continued.

"To be clear, you should call out bigotry when you see it. You absolutely must. But we must also recognize that you cannot combat hate with more hate."

The mayor then called on the people of the city "to step up" and volunteer, become educators, homeless outreach workers or participate in Police Service Areas.

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U.S. Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) visited UPenn's campus Monday afternoon to speak with students affected by racist text messages sent to the school on Friday.

COURTESY OF U.S. SEN. BOB CASEY

Philly GOP miffed by questions about racist texts to UPenn students

City Republicans decry attacks, then bashes 'media narrative,' while Sen. Bob Casey personally visited students to address their concerns.

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The Philadelphia Republican Party on Monday condemned the barrage of racist text messages sent to black students at the University of Pennsylvania and decried attempts to associate them with supporters of President-elect Donald Trump.

"Any violence toward somebody because of who they are or who they are perceived to be is wrong, and we condemn it," said Joe DeFelice, executive director of the Philly GOP in a news release.

The university said Sunday that the messages were sent by three individuals in Oklahoma, one of them a University of Oklahoma student who has since been suspended.

No Penn students were involved, the university said, but it's unclear how the senders got the contact information for black Penn freshmen and were able to mass-message them racial slurs and disturbing imagery through the Groupme app.

Some of the messages sent to Penn students clearly referenced Trump. Many messages were sent by an account with the electoral map that gave Trump the presidency as its profile picture, another account was called "Daddy Trump." Others came from a group called "Trump is love," while one message said, "Grab em by the p—."

DeFelice rejected attempts to associate the hate mail with the party or Trump.

"Our party is made up of these people — so how could we, on the whole, stand for racism or oppression of any kind?" DeFelice asked, pointing out that the party has "African-American, Latino, Asian, Muslim, Jewish and LGBT" members.

He acknowledged that some Trump voters are "undoubtedly" racist, but added that some supporters of Hillary Clinton and her primary opponent Bernie Sanders "spit on the flag and justify violence against police officers as a political tool."

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, a Pennsylvania Democrat, visited Penn's campus Monday afternoon to speak with students for an hour.

"If the students around this table leave here today remembering only one thing, I hope it's this: I stand with you," he told the students, according to a news release.

Casey said the messages sent to Penn students were not "an isolated incident," and cited an "influx of reports of bigoted acts and violence" across the country since the election.

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I also remember a very unsettling week in September when, like my father, I too was travelling for business. This time, I navigated my way through five different airports in seven days that were cordoned off and secured with armed military personnel. That was two weeks after Sept. 11, 2001.

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Mexican immigrant seeks sanctuary in Philly church

The father of three children born in the U.S. is slated for deportation.

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Javier Flores and family JUNTOS

An undocumented immigrant from Mexico is living in a northeast Philadelphia church to secure sanctuary from federal agents seeking to deport him.

Javier Flores, 40, moved into the Arch Street United Methodist Church on Sunday, according to Juntos, an immigrant support group.

Flores, father of three children born in the U.S., entered the country illegally nearly 20 years ago and had previously been deported. He returned to be reunited with his family.

He was detained for 16 months at the Pike County Detention Center and was released three months ago under the supervision of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He is slated for deportation again.

"During this time his family experienced severe psychological and financial hardship," Juntos said in a news release.

Flores has applied for a U-visa, which allows immigrants who were victims of a crime to remain in the country under certain conditions. His visa case has been pending since last year, Juntos said.

"We are resilient. We are fighters and we are unafraid," said Olivia Vazquez of Juntos. "Our people have fought for their rights for years and we have put our bodies on the line for justice and liberty. Today is no exception."

Flores' case is particularly important in light of the election of Donald Trump as president, Juntos said.

"We are faced now with a president-elect that based his entire campaign on the demonizing of our immigrant communities and who now stands to take the last administration's deportation machine to new levels," the group said.

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Journalist and PBS anchor Gwen Ifill dies at 61

Journalist Gwen Ifill, who co-anchored "The PBS NewsHour," wrote a best-seller about President Barack Obama and moderated two vice presidential election debates, died on Monday, the public broadcaster said. She was 61.

Ifill died surrounded by family and friends after several months of treatment for cancer, PBS said in a statement. The network said on Nov. 2 that she would be off the air as she dealt with unspecified health problems.

"Gwen was a standard bearer for courage, fairness and integrity in an industry going through seismic change," said Sara Just, "PBS NewsHour" executive producer.

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Sara Just

She called Ifill "a journalist's journalist" who combined warmth and authority so well that people on the street who had seen her on television would hug her.

Gwen Ifill GETTY IMAGES

Ifill was moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week," a prime-time news program, and co-anchor and managing editor for "The PBS NewsHour" with Judy Woodruff.

Ifill joined the programs in 1999 from NBC News, where she was chief congressional and political correspondent, according to a biography on the PBS website.

She also had been White House correspondent for The New York Times and a reporter for the Washington Post, Baltimore Evening Sun and the Boston Herald American.

On the PBS NewsHour website, Ifill said in her biography that "public broadcasting provides the best of both worlds - combining the depth of newspapering with the immediate impact of broadcast television."

Ifill was the best-selling author of 2009's "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama" and moderated the vice presidential debates during the 2004 and 2008 national elections.

She covered seven presidential campaigns and won the George Foster Peabody Award in 2008 for bringing "Washington Week" to live audiences around the country.

A native of New York and a graduate of Boston's Simmons College, Ifill received more than 20 honorary doctorates. She was included in Ebony Magazine's list of 150 Most Influential African Americans.

In a reaction from Capitol Hill, House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan tweeted, "I am saddened to learn about the passing of Gwen Ifill — an incredibly talented and respected journalist."

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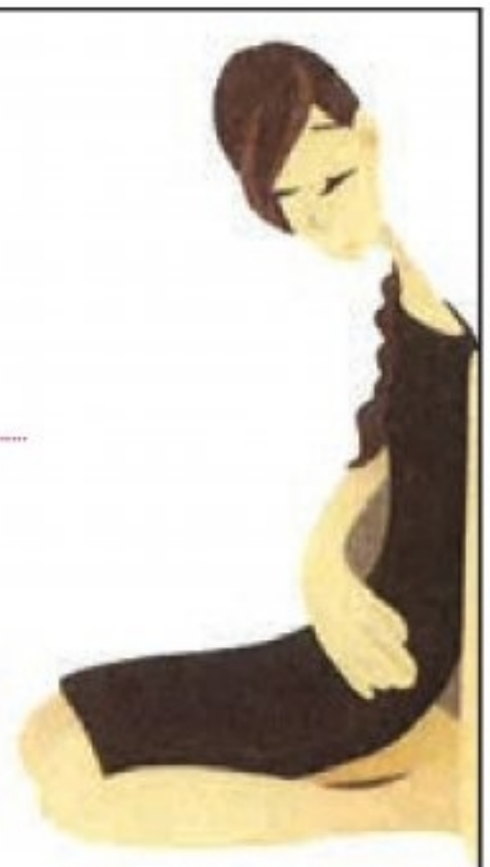

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US finalizes 'quiet cars' rules to prevent injuries

The U.S. government on Monday finalized long-delayed rules that will require "quiet cars" like electric vehicles and hybrids to emit alert sounds when they are moving at speeds of up to 18.6 miles per hour to help prevent injuries among pedestrians, cyclists and the blind.

The rules, which were required by Congress, will require automakers like Tesla Motors Inc., Nissan Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp. to add the sounds to all vehicles by September 2019. The U.S. Transportation Department said it expects the rules would prevent 2,400 injuries a year by 2020 and require the addition of alert sounds to about 530,000 2020 model vehicles.

The U.S. National Highway Transportation Department said the rules will cost the auto industry about $39 million annually because automakers will need to add an external waterproof speaker to comply. But the benefits of the reduced injuries are estimated at $250 million to $320 million annually.

NHTSA estimates the odds of a hybrid vehicle being involved in a pedestrian crash are 19 percent higher compared with a traditional gas-powered vehicle. About 125,000 pedestrians and bicyclists are injured annually.

The rules will also help the blind and visually impaired.

"This is a common-sense tool to help pedestrians, especially folks who are blind or have low vision, make their way safely," said NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind in a statement.

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Snowden warns of increase in US domestic spying after Trump victory

Snowden lives in Moscow under an asylum deal. He spoke at a teleconference hosted by Buenos Aires University's law school.

Edward Snowden GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump's election as president raises concern that Washington may increase the intrusiveness of domestic intelligence gathering, former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden said on Monday, warning that democratic checks and balances were losing ground to authoritarianism.

"We are starting to substitute open government for sheer authoritarianism, a government based not upon the principle of informed consent granted by people who understand its activities but rather a trust in personalities, a trust in claims, a trust in the hope that they will do the right thing," Snowden said.

Washington pledged not to engage in indiscriminate espionage following Snowden's 2013 disclosures. But Snowden questioned if that policy could be modified by new officials "who have a very different set of values and can govern in the dark."

"If government does actually win our trust, because they go for some years and they do operate in a way that we should support, what happens when it changes?" he asked.

"This is kind of the challenge that we're facing today in the United States with the result of the last election."

Supporters see Snowden as a whistleblower who boldly exposed government excess. But the U.S. government has filed espionage charges against him for leaking intelligence information

Trump, who scored an upset win over Democrat Hillary Clinton in last Tuesday's election, broke with many in his own Republican Party during the campaign and emphasized his success as a businessman and reality TV show star. He promised sweeping security measures to deal with the threat of attacks on the United States.

His election was greeted with concern from the American Civil Liberties Union over statements he made during the campaign supporting increased surveillance of U.S. Muslims, mass deportation of illegal immigrants, reauthorization of waterboarding and changing libel laws to increase press restrictions.

Snowden, asked if he thought the election of Trump, who has praised Russian President Vladimir Putin as a strong leader, might increase chances of him being pardoned by the U.S. government, responded: "Who knows?" REUTERS

"If government does actually win our trust, because they go for some years and they do operate in a way that we should support, what happens when it changes?"

Snowden

BRIEF

Wisconsin judge orders release of nephew in 'Making a Murderer' case

A federal judge in Wisconsin on Monday ordered the release of Brendan Dassey, who was imprisoned for life for helping his uncle kill a freelance photographer in 2005 in a case spotlighted in the Netflix documentary "Making a Murderer."

Based on Magistrate Judge William Duffin's order, Dassey, who has been incarcerated more than a decade, could be released within 90 days unless prosecutors attempt to retry him.

Dassey, now 27, and his uncle, Steven Avery, were convicted in separate trials of killing photographer Teresa Halbach at Avery's home in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Halbach's charred remains were found in an incineration barrel and a burn pit on Avery's property, about 80 miles north of Milwaukee.

Dassey was convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, second-degree sexual assault and mutilation of a corpse. Avery was found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide and being a felon in possession of a gun. Dassey was sentenced by the court to life without parole.

In August, Duffin ruled the guilty verdict returned by a trial jury in 2007 against Dassey was based on a coerced confession he gave as a 16-year-old youth with a learning disability.

Duffin said the confession obtained by investigators violated Dassey's constitutional rights.

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel on Monday said that he intends to file an emergency motion in the Seventh Circuit seeking a stay of the release order.

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Minnesota man sentenced to time served in Islamic State case

A Somali-America man from Minnesota was sentenced to time already served Monday for conspiring to join the Islamic State militant group in Syria in 2014, according to local media reports.

Abdullahi Yusuf, 20, was given no additional prison time and ordered to spend the next year in a halfway house by U.S. Judge Michael Davis, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

He will also have to serve 20 years of supervised release, according to KMSP, a local Fox news affiliate, which reported that Yusuf had spent 22 months in custody.

Yusuf is one of three men scheduled to be sentenced Monday in Minnesota for attempting to aid Islamic State, which holds swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria.

Yusuf was stopped by FBI agents at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in 2014 as he sought to fly to Turkey. He pleaded guilty to conspiring to support Islamic State in February of 2015.

"I no longer believe in that ideology nor would I ever consider it again," Yusuf said, according to KMSP. "The only reason I'm alive today is because I was stopped at the airport."

Judge Davis was reluctant to sentence Yusuf longer, KMSP said, because he was concerned about the prison system's ability to rehabilitate Yusuf.

The Minneapolis area is home to a large population of Somali expatriates. U.S. authorities have said dozens of young Somali-Americans have left the area since 2007 to join al Shabaab, an al Qaeda affiliate based in Somalia.

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MOVING TO WORK ANNUAL PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2018
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The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is requesting public comments and conducting a public hearing on the proposed Moving to Work Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 (Annual Plan) which includes Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program Significant Amendments for Westpark Plaza and Blumberg Senior Tower. PHA is a participant in the Moving to Work (MTW) Program pursuant to an MTW Agreement between PHA and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Annual Plan describes PHA's MTW proposed policy initiatives and activities for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

The Annual Plan is available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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The public comment period begins on November 4, 2016 at 12 noon and ends on December 5, 2016 at 12 noon. Comments must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to:

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US safety board calls for tougher rail oversight

Passengers rush to safety after a NJ Transit train crashed in to the platform at the Hoboken Terminal in September in Hoboken, New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

The National Transportation Safety Board on Monday urged federal regulators to improve oversight of rail-transit systems following a series of accidents and improvements in trains to prevent passenger deaths and injuries in crashes.

The board cited the crash in Chicago of a train that collided with the bumping post at O'Hare International Airport, injuring 33, and the January 2015 accident in Washington's subway system in which heavy smoke from electrical arcing led to one death and 92 injuries as part of why it wants stronger oversight.

"Creating and enforcing safety standards and accountability in rail safety oversight will compel transit agencies to address safety issues and increase system maintenance," the NTSB said.

The board also said says train deaths could be prevented with improved railcar crashworthiness, including better window retention. The NTSB also said better evacuation procedures could have minimized injuries and prevented deaths.

The NTSB is an independent agency that proposes safety fixes but does not have enforcement powers. The board is also investigating the crash of a Sept. 29 New Jersey Transit train that killed one and injured 110 in Hoboken.

The NTSB also made other recommendations in its annual review of highest priority transportation safety issues, including calling for new efforts to eliminate distractions in transportation crashes, including vehicle accidents. Many of those accidents are the result of inattentive drivers looking at mobile phones, and the board wants states to toughen laws against using cellphones or texting behind the wheel.

The board again called for improved efforts to ensure the safe shipment of hazardous materials, including lithium batteries.

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"Creating and enforcing safety standards and accountability in rail-safety oversight will compel transit agencies to address safety issues and increase system maintenance."
NTSB

Trump poses daunting new challenge for Merkel

Angela Merkel GETTY IMAGES

"Germany and America are connected by values of democracy, freedom and respect for the law and the dignity of man, independent of origin, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political views."
Merkel

On virtually every issue of importance to the German chancellor, from confronting Russian aggression and promoting free trade to combating climate change and tackling the tide of refugees fleeing Syria, Trump seems likely to turn Washington from an ally into an adversary.

Donald Trump's victory has been a shock for America's major partners around the world. But perhaps nowhere has the blow been more painful than in Germany, a country that under Angela Merkel has come to see itself as a bastion of openness and tolerance.

Trump invoked the German chancellor's name to insult his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton during the campaign, calling her "America's Merkel." And he described her decision last year to open German borders to hundreds of thousands of migrants as "insane."

So although Trump's election is being seen as a rejection of the political establishment and liberal democratic values in general, it represents a very personal blow to Merkel, Europe's most powerful leader.

It heaps more responsibility on her at a time when she is nearing an announcement on whether she will run for a record-tying fourth term as chancellor next autumn.

Despite the toll that 11 years of nonstop crisis fighting has taken on her, Merkel's aides say that Trump's victory and Britain's decision in June to leave the European Union have, if anything, reinforced her determination to continue.

"Given the challenges we face, in Europe and beyond, she can't simply walk off into the sunset. That would look very bad. She has a sense of responsibility," said an adviser.

Germans have been falling out of love with the United States since George W. Bush invaded Iraq. But the election of Barack Obama in 2008 was seen here as proof of America's capacity to correct its "mistakes."

Obama was hailed as the heir to John F. Kennedy, who came to a divided Berlin in 1963, two years after construction of the Berlin Wall began, and reassured Germans with the words "Ich bin ein Berliner." Obama, who developed a close relationship with Merkel in his eight years in office, will make what promises to be a bittersweet farewell visit to Berlin this week.

Trump's win heralds a hard break in a relationship that grew extremely close during the Cold War, before wobbling when Germany refused to go along with Bush's Iraq war and was derided by his Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as "old Europe."

Last week, Germany's Suddeutsche Zeitung newspaper published a cartoon of a beaming Trump opening his jacket to reveal the message "Ich bin kein Berliner" (I am not a Berliner) plastered across his chest.

This won't stop Merkel, a restrained politician who prefers small steps to giant leaps, from trying to work with the brash Trump, who rode to victory on the dreamy promise to "Make America Great Again."

She is a pragmatist who has maintained dialogue with strongmen like Vladimir Putin and Tayyip Erdogan through crises in Germany's relationship with Russia and Turkey.

But Merkel's statement on Wednesday, in the aftermath of Trump's election, was telling. In it, she set conditions for cooperation with Trump, a provocative message from a close ally to the democratically elected leader of the United States.

REUTERS

Russian police find evidence of fraud during parliamentary election

Russian police have said they found evidence of fraud at a polling station where Reuters reporters saw irregularities during a Sept. 18 parliamentary election that was won by a party loyal to the Kremlin.

A police unit in the region of Mordovia wrote in a letter to Reuters that it had investigated and found signs of criminal fraud at polling station No. 591. It said it had handed over the case to the Investigative Committee, the state body which decides whether to bring criminal charges.

"As a result of a check, it was established that there is an indication of a crime defined by chapter 142.1 of the Russian Criminal Code (falsification of election results)," it said.

Russia is sensitive to allegations of electoral fraud. While the recent election passed off quietly, the previous parliamentary and presidential votes in 2011 and 2012 led to the biggest and most sustained demonstrations since President Vladimir Putin took office at the turn of the millennium.

The Kremlin Spasskaya Tower at the Red Square in Moscow. GETTY IMAGES

The police letter was the first official acknowledgement fraud may have taken place. Election officials had said last month the Reuters findings were unproven.

On voting day, Reuters sent reporters to a sample of 11 polling stations across central and western Russia. They witnessed counting discrepancies, multiple voting, ballot stuffing and other irregularities.

At polling station 591 in the Mordovia regional capital of Saransk, about 400 miles southeast of Moscow, reporters counted 1,172 voters but officials recorded a turnout of 1,756.

At the same polling station, a Reuters reporter obtained a temporary registration to vote, and cast a ballot for a party other than the pro-Putin United Russia. During the count, officials recorded that not a single vote had been cast for that party.

One man was observed casting two ballots, the second about 20 minutes after the first.

"I don't think there was any fraud," Irina Fedoseyeva, who was the chief election official on duty at the station, told Reuters by telephone on Monday. She said she had been questioned by an investigator and the checks were still under way.

The Central Election Commission said earlier, in an official reply to Reuters questions about polling station 591, that it was impossible to count voters with complete accuracy and multiple voting allegations could not be investigated without the voter's name.

The lost ballot, according to election officials, could have been among two ballots which were declared invalid at the polling station, but it was impossible to establish for sure because of voter confidentiality. REUTERS

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US internet firms ask Donald Trump to support encryption, ease regulations

U.S. internet companies have sent Donald Trump a detailed list of their policy priorities, which includes promoting strong encryption, immigration reform and maintaining liability protections from content that users share on their platforms.

The letter sent by the Internet Association, a trade group whose 40 members also include Alphabet's Google, Uber and Twitter, represents an early effort to repair the relationship between the technology sector and Trump, who was almost universally disliked and at times denounced in Silicon Valley during the presidential campaign.

"The internet industry looks forward to engaging in an open and productive dialogue," reads the letter, signed by Michael Beckerman, president of the Internet Association, and seen by Reuters.

Some of the policy goals stated in the letter may align with Trump's priorities, including easing regulation on the sharing economy, lowering taxes on profits made from intellectual property and applying pressure on Europe to not erect too many barriers that restrict U.S. internet companies from growing in that market.

Other goals are likely to clash with Trump, who offered numerous broadsides against the tech sector during his campaign.

They include supporting strong encryption in products against efforts by law enforcement agencies to mandate access to data for criminal investigations, upholding recent reforms to U.S. government surveillance programs that ended the bulk collection of call data by the National Security Agency, and maintaining net neutrality rules that require internet service providers to treat web traffic equally.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

The association seeks immigration reform to support more high-skilled workers staying in the United States. Though Trump made tougher immigration policies a central theme of his campaign, he has at times shied away from arguing against more H-1B visas for skilled workers, saying in a March debate he was "softening the position because we need to have talented people in this country." REUTERS

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Kendall Jenner deletes Instagram

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Kendall Jenner's Instagram account is gone. Vanished. Disappeared into the internet abyss. Haven't we been through enough this month already?

The supermodel deleted her social-media account Sunday, according to Perez Hilton. This move comes just days after Kendall's alleged stalker, who was convicted only of trespassing for showing up at her house and following her into the driveway in August, was released from jail. There's a good chance that she made the move to feel safer and protect herself from unwanted attention.

Kendall's Twitter and Facebook account are still active. However, Kim hasn't updated her page in over a month, making us down two "KUWTK" kast members on Instagram. If any of the other famous sisters deletes her account, we might need to declare a state of emergency.

Lindsay Lohan name dropped in Vegas battery case

Imagine this: You're in Vegas and two Russian dudes rush your hotel room with questions about a girl you met at a music festival several months before. You tell them you've stayed silent about the girl in question but they beat you up anyway.

It's like a tale straight out of "The Hangover." But it's real life. And the unnamed 24-year-old guy that reported this story to police says actress Lindsay Lohan is the mystery girl responsible for all the attack. According to the police report obtained by TMZ, the victim met Lohan at Coachella in April. While he was staying at Excalibur in Vegas last month, the two henchmen confronted him about allegedly talking smack about the actress. Coincidentally, Lindsay used to date a Russian, Egor Tarabasov, whom she claimed was abusive.

Lindsay denies that she even knows the guy, and police say he isn't cooperating with the investigation, so the case has been closed. But to stay on the safe side, don't mess with Linsday.

Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick spark romance rumors

Kourtney Kardashian and her babydaddy, Scott Disick, have had a tumultuous on-again, off-again relationship for the past 10 years. The couple officially called things off in 2015.

But photos of the couple on a family vacation in Cabo St. Lucas, Mexico, this weekend have many fans raising their eyebrows. The paparazzi snapped pics of the couple in their bathing suits looking cozy and happy.

While E! News insists that this getaway is just a continuation of the friendship that the duo — who have three children together — established since their separation, none of us are convinced. We agree with sister Khloé's "KUWTK" assessment of the situation: They're definitely getting back together. It's just a matter of when.

Don't fall for it, Kourtney!

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A wild and serious guy

Steve Martin talks about his history of dramas, including the new "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk."

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See Steve Martin, as a scheming NFL team owner, in Ang Lee's "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," in theaters Friday. SONY

Steve Martin studied philosophy in college. He's written novellas, he's an avid art collector and he's starred in dramas like "Pennies from Heaven" and "The Spanish Prisoner." Oh, and he's also released numerous stand-up albums, wrote and starred in countless comedies like "The Jerk" and is a comic genius. He likes both high and low, which is why it's no shock he's in "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," the latest from two-time Oscar-winner Ang Lee. He has a small role: The film centers around an Iraq War soldier (played by Joe Alwyn) who reminisces about his traumatic tour while his troop is honored at a football game. Martin plays the scheming owner of the Dallas Cowboys, who's trying to help snag them a movie deal.

Since "Billy Lynn" is a drama, I wanted to ask about 1981's "Pennies from Heaven," where you have dance numbers interspersed with some of the saddest dramatic scenes ever committed to film.
That was a fantastic process. I had to learn to tap dance. [Laughs] And I love the premise of the movie. I met Dennis Potter [the writer], and I had seen the original BBC television version. I was so knocked out by it. I was honored to be in it.

Was it hard convincing the filmmakers you could do a serious movie at that point?
I actually believe the movie was so uncommercial that the studio wanted someone commercial. That's how I got it. Because I had just finished "The Jerk," and that was a big hit. I was ready to go, because I didn't know where to go with comedy anymore. I think I really got it by default.

You've had dramatic roles throughout your career since, too. One of the best is David Mamet's "The Spanish Prisoner," where you're actually terrifying.
I loved doing that. Although I feel even in comedies, like "Father of the Bride" or "Cheaper by the Dozen," there's actually drama in those movies. There's very emotional scenes between the father and the kids or the father and the wife.

And there's always the argument that all comedy is serious and comes from a darker place.
Well, no, I don't make that argument. [Laughs]

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With Mamet, you're almost a kind of puppet. He has very precise dialogue and very precise ways you're supposed to occupy space in the frame. That's fine with me. I took pride in doing what he wanted and saying his dialogue exactly as written. Sometimes you have to find a way into it. With "Waiting for Godot" [which he did onstage in the '80s] the dialogue is often broken and short and it stops and starts over. I realized, in life, that's the way people talk.

And you don't want to riff on Samuel Beckett, or on Mamet.
No, no. [Mamet's] very particular about that. Even with the "uhs." He writes in all the "uh" and the "ers."

If you missed an "uh" or an "er," would he yell?
I don't think so. But I tried to keep them all anyway.

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Michael Stuhlbarg remains optimistic

The actor talks "Arrival" and how he still thinks humanity would do the right thing.

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Michael Stuhlbarg is everywhere right now. The actor, best known for "A Serious Man" and "Boardwalk Empire," has a small role in "Doctor Strange." He plays the head of a lobbying firm in "Miss Sloane," starring Jessica Chastain. And he's a CIA operative in "Arrival," in which government agents try to find a way to communicate with aliens who've showed up on our planet. His character is tasked with playing the middleman between a linguist (Amy Adams) and a scientist (Jeremy Renner) working to decipher their language and the military, who aren't sure if our guests are nice.

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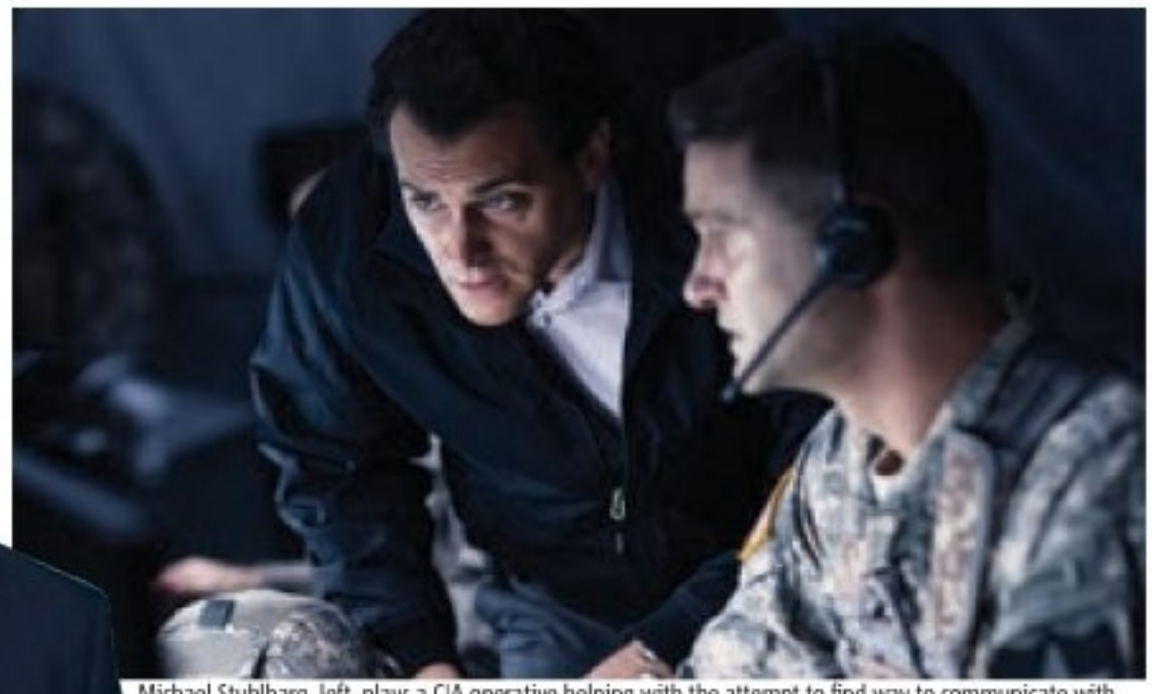
Michael Stuhlbarg, left, plays a CIA operative helping with the attempt to find way to communicate with visiting aliens in "Arrival." PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Watching "Arrival" right now is a bit surreal, as it depicts the government patiently and cautiously dealing with a mysterious alien race. I'm a bit more gloomy about how we'd handle that right now.

Who knows how we would handle such a thing? I'd like to believe we would be careful, that we would take our time, that we would bring as much kindness and positivity into our interactions with a foreign being. I'm hopeful and I'm optimistic, generally. But it's hard to say, because people panic. [Laughs]

You're not playing a scientist or even one of the military leaders. You're the CIA operative who has to be the medium between them. How did you approach someone who has to know how to talk to both sides?

I imagined my guy dealt with geniuses all the time. His job was to take responsibility for all the information, to make sure it was disseminated properly, to make sure everybody who needs to know what's going on knows what's going on. They could drop my guy in the middle of wherever and he will organize things.

When you talked to operatives in similar positions, what did you find about what they have to deal with?

They have so much information to sift through — so much reading, so much compilation, so much responsibility in terms of relaying information. My guy is more of an organizer. He's useful in terms of organizing things making sure the right people got the right information.

You've said you haven't seen one of your other new movies, "Miss Sloane." Have you found time to catch "Doctor Strange"?

No, I still haven't seen that either. [Laughs] I've been working. I haven't had the chance to see anything yet.

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With 32 beers and ciders on tap, there's ample opportunity to see if the copper pipes have any impact on the taste on the experience. What's more, Cinder has beers like the Coppertail Florida Jawn and Cascade Elderberry that aren't available anywhere else in the city. Not a fan of beer? Don't worry. There are 10 wines available by the glass and 20 by the bottle to satisfy the die-hard winos in your group.

On the food side of things, the menu offers three categories besides wood-fired pizza: artisanal cheese and charcuterie, mussels and small plates. The scallop dish with rutabaga, grapefruit, ginger and hazelnut is ranking pretty high on our must-try list.

"Cinder is a unique concept that shines the spotlight on ciders and sours together for a new genre of beer bar," says Teddy Sourias, the restaurateur behind Cinder. "We are essentially combining a Belgian beer cafe with a wine bar/pizza kitchen."

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There's nothing like lounging around in comfy pajamas. Whether it's in those last few minutes before your alarm goes off Monday morning or in the infinite expanse of a lazy Sunday, what you wear can have a huge impact on your level of cozy. Lauren Raja, founder of Justin Jean Pajamas, makes loungewear for women and girls that's not only adorable but also has a lot of meaning sewn into every stitch. We chatted with the New Hope resident about how she transformed devastating heartbreak into a flourishing new business.

Get cozy PROVIDED

Lauren Raja is the founder of Justin Jean Pajamas. PROVIDED

What inspired you to start Justin Jean pajamas?

I grew up with my grandmother [Mama Jean], who was a seamstress. When we lost her three years ago, I began to dream about having my own line, honoring her. Due to the craziness of life, there was no time to even think about that! After losing my husband, Justin, unexpectedly in October, 2014, I started brainstorming a way to honor both of them, together.

There's a lot of personal meaning here. Why pajamas?

I chose pajamas for a few reasons. After the loss of Justin, I spent every day in boring loungewear/pajamas. It's almost as if I created them subconsciously — to create something that brings comfort and happiness to everyone. Wearing pajamas is also a reminder of spending time with loved ones, relaxing and just being yourself.

What is the significance behind the name?

My logo consists of Justin's and my grandmother's handwriting: "Justin Jean." The message my line represents is to be your authentic self. By using their original writing, it ties in with that.

What do they represent?

#Rocktheruffles is a message I would like to catch on when people purchase my pajamas. The three ruffles stand for: authenticity, integrity and passion — three core values I believe are essential to a loving, fulfilling life. These values were a part of both my grandmother and husband's lives as well.

What are the PJs made of?

My pajamas are made of 95% rayon and 5% spandex. They are the softest, most comfortable pajamas you will ever wear. The first comment I get from customers is, "Oh my God! They are so soft."

What are your hopes for Justin Jean?

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Michelle Obama: First lady of style

We recall the looks that defined her years in the White House.

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Michelle Obama wore Jason Wu for inauguration night in 2009. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

There is so much we'll miss about Michelle Obama: her elegance, her kindness, her vegetable garden, her appearance on "Carpool Karaoke" and of course, her fierce wardrobe choices. The first lady — a Harvard-educated lawyer from the South Side of Chicago — enchanted the country with her spirit and her style.

And much of her sartorial success is thanks to her stylist Meredith Koop who has been with the FLOTUS since 2009. She started her career as a sales associate at Chicago's high-end Ikram boutique, where the two met.

With Koop's guidance, the first lady has dazzled in great American designers, such as Ralph Lauren, Oscar de la Renta, Carolina Herrera, Michael Kors, Narciso Rodríguez, Joseph Altuzarra and Naeem Khan, among others. But more importantly she helped put up-and-coming designers on the map, as well as elevate the fashion cred of more accessible brands, like J. Crew and Ann Taylor.

The first lady understands that fashion communicates an important message to the public. During state visits, she pays respect to each country by championing local designers. In Tokyo, she wore Kenzo and in London, Christopher Kane. She shows cultural and social awareness and never draws criticism for squandering the public's purse on high fashion. In fact, she pays for them herself.

She has also embraced the media, the December issue marks the third time the first lady has graced the cover of Vogue. And her work is reflected not only in her popularity, but also as a trendsetter. The Narciso Rodriguez dress she wore for her husband's State of the Union speech sold out, despite its hefty $2,095 price tag.

Can her successor follow in her footsteps? It's too early to know. But Michelle Obama will go down in history as a woman who knew how to play politics with fashion. We take a look at some of her recent fashion hits.

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Turns out eating on a budget isn't an oxymoron — in fact, you've probably been throwing out one of the solutions for years. What do we mean? Fruit and veggie scraps! That's right. You can save money — and load up on good-for-you nutrients — by eating food parts you might think are destined to be trimmed away.

"I love [leafy] carrot tops and chimichurri sauce is one of my favorite ways to use them," says registered dietitian nutritionist Shirlee Rosen. "I recommend carrot tops to my clients because they're very low in calories — a cup contains only 88 — they're rich in vitamin A, contain six times more vitamin C than the roots [vitamin C is great for your immune system] and they're high in antioxidants."

To make carrot green chimichurri, finely chop your carrot greens and mix them with your choice of dried spices (think: oregano, cumin, paprika, red pepper), minced garlic, vinegar and olive oil. Then serve the mixture with roasted carrots, sliced baguette or grilled fish/meat.

Broccoli leaves are another oft overlooked low calorie and nutrient rich option. "Use them in stir-fry or your savory smoothie as you would any dark green leafy vegetable," suggests Rosen. "You can also make broccoli leaf chips. Toss the leaves with olive oil, sea salt, pepper and some garlic powder and roast at 375 degrees for about four minutes."

According to Rosen, not only have broccoli leaves been shown to have higher amounts of beta-carotene — an antioxidant that's beneficial for skin and eye health — than any other part of the broccoli, but they contain more fiber and are high in vitamins A and C, both beneficial for boosting your immune system.

Here's another one that might surprise you: onion skins.

"They contain concentrated amounts of flavonoids [phytonutrients], which are antioxidant-rich and anti-inflammatory, and work well when simmered into soup," Lyssie Lakatos and Tammy Lakatos Shames, the registered dieticians and nutritionists known as The Nutrition Twins, wrote in an email.

Celery leaves are also quick and easy to integrate into your kitchen habits. "They have a flavor similar to parsley," according to Lakatos and Shames, who recommend adding them to your salads, smoothies and soups.

While you might think your citrus peels (lemon, lime, grapefruit, tangerine) are good for little more than zest, they're not only rich in vitamin C, beta-carotene and folate, but they're wholly delicious.

"We suggest oven-drying them and then grinding them down into a powder," they say. "Then use the powder to flavor soups, teas, when roasting chicken/fish or infuse it in a cocktail or water."

And if you're sick of spinach, try beet greens.

"Boil them for about a minute in an open pot," says Rosen. Enjoy them on their own or in any recipe as a spinach substitute (think omelet). Beet greens are an excellent source of vitamins K, A, E, C and B12, potassium, magnesium, fiber, calcium and iron. An increased intake of dark green leafy vegetables has been associated with lowering the risk of certain chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Feeling inspired? "You can use almost any scrap you can think of — carrot peels, herb stems, leek tops, green onion ends, stems and ribs from chard, kale and other greens — to make homemade vegetable stock," suggest the Nutrition Twins. You'll need about four to six cups of mixed scraps, which you can collect in a large ziplock freezer bag.

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Getting an IUD: What

Women are rushing to make appointments before Trump's inauguration.

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Following Donald Trump's win Tuesday, you may have seen a trend on your social-media feeds: Many women are talking about getting IUDs (intrauterine devices) before the president-elect's January inauguration. And it's not just online chatter: Planned Parenthood representatives have reported an increase in calls made to schedule IUD appointments in the last week.

Women are concerned about losing access to contraception, preventative and procedural, under a Trump presidency. There is ample reason to be worried: Trump has said in his 100-day plan he plans to repeal the much of the Affordable Care Act, which requires insurers to cover FDA-approved methods of birth control, from pills to IUDS.

He's also been vocal about appointing anti-abortion Supreme Court justices, with the goal of getting Roe vs. Wade overturned. He said Sunday on "60 Minutes" that if the decision were returned to the states, some women seeking abortions "would have to go to another state."

While we can only guess what Trump might accomplish during his term, it can't hurt to prepare for the worst-case scenario. An IUD, which is effective for three to 10 years depending on the type, is the most effective birth control method — at more than 99% effectiveness, according to Planned Parenthood. Getting one now could safeguard you against unwanted pregnancy through a Trump presidency and beyond.

While effectiveness is the main draw, convenience is a big bonus. No need to remember any pills or prescriptions or shots or fuss with sponges or diaphragms. (But condoms are always a good idea if you're in a nonmonogamous relationship.)

What do you need to know about getting one? We asked Dr. Laura MacIsaac, MD, MPH and director of family planning for the Mount Sinai Health Systems, to give us a primer.

Mount Sinai provides roughly 1,000 IUDs a year, and according to MacIsaac, they're "the most effective [birth control] with the least amount of side effects."

What is an IUD, and how does it work?

An IUD is a small, often T-shaped device that's inserted into the uterus to prevent pregnancy. It uses either hormones or copper to thicken cervical mucus to block sperm from fertilizing the egg.

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The procedure of getting an IUD inserted, while brief, can be painful for women who haven't had children yet and therefore haven't had their cervix dilated. In that case, MacIsaac normally recommends a high dose of Motrin with food before the procedure.

The two main categories of IUDS: hormonal and copper.

"The bleeding pattern is the biggest difference, and duration of action is second," says MacIsaac of the two options.

The four hormonal products, which MacIsaac describes as "sisters that are much more the same than different," all use levonorgestrel, a progestin hormone, which goes into the uterus and is not systemic—meaning it's undetectable in the blood stream. "When people hear 'hormonal IUD' they think hormonal birth control and they think the pill, and that it has all the same risks as the pill, which is completely wrong thinking," MacIsaac explains.

These IUDs use different doses of the hormone, which affect how long they last and how much they suppress your period. Mirena and Kyleena are approved for five years and Liletta and Skyla, for three. With Liletta and Mirena, about 20 percent of women see their period stop after a year, compared to 6% with Skyla and 12% with Kyleena. The patient experience is roughly the same, says MacIsaac.

The copper option, ParaGard, lasts for 10 years and is hormone-free. Women who have heavy periods and cramping should know its major side effect is it makes periods even heavier and cramps worse.

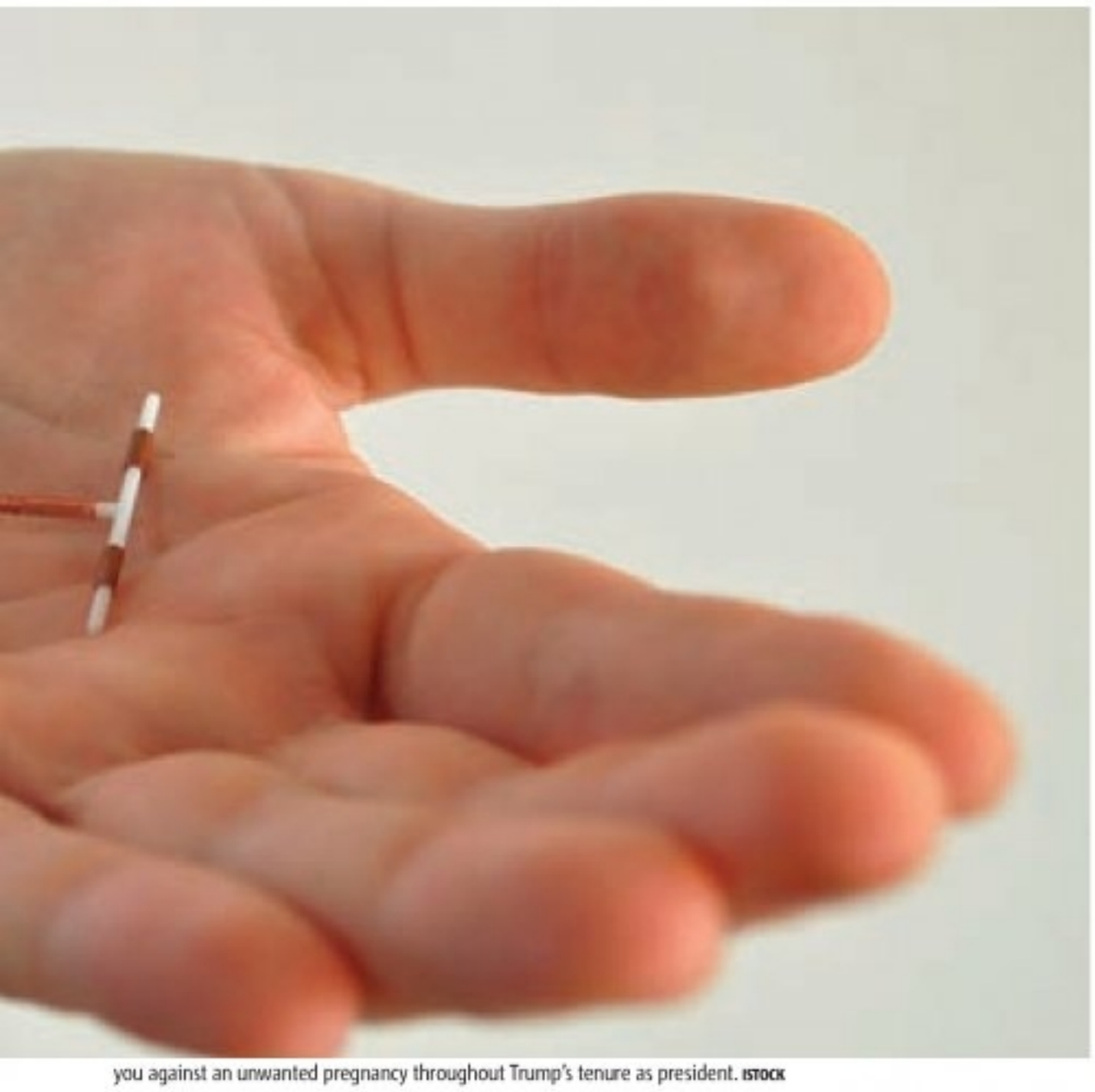
"If it's a purely economic argument, there's no question that the copper IUD wins, because it has the longest duration of action and it's the less expensive," says MacIsaac.

Getting it removed

Once you remove your IUD, you regain fertility immediately. Any physician or nurse practitioner, can remove it, so if you were to lose your health insurance under Trump, as long as you can get to a doctor's office and pay the appointment fee, you can take care of it.

Is there anyone who shouldn't get one?

"There are only a few contraindications," says MacIsaac. For some women with an irregular shape to their uterus, called a uterine anomaly, an IUD often doesn't stay in well, she says. A patient who has breast cancer shouldn't use a hormonal IUD, because lab studies have shown the levonorgestrel could stimulate tumor growth in cancer cells.



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I try to avoid bitching about the refs when my team gets beat. There are always other reasons for a loss. And who wants to dine on sour grapes anyway?

Sunday, the Eagles beat Atlanta, 24-15. So, in sweet victory, please allow me a little room to comment on the state of NFL officiating.

It stinks.

Need more? The men in striped shirts are overmatched, overeager, inept and inconsistent. They have taken the best game on earth and slowed it to a crawl with endless flags and reviews. One moment, they flag the pettiest of infractions. The next play, they ignore the most obvious.

You can argue NFL ratings are down because of the election or anthem protests or the growth of Netflix or whatever extraneous force you choose to cite. I'll say the biggest factor is that officials have insinuated themselves into the game to the point that a fan can't watch any single play without having one eye focused on whether a yellow flag was thrown. It's just no fun anymore.

Sunday's Eagles game was not dominated by penalties, unless you want to count Zach Ertz jumping the snap every other play. Overall, there were 154 yards in penalties, modest by today's NFL standards.

But it was a non-call by the refs that shows their incompetence. With the Eagles down, 15-13 in the fourth quarter, QB Carson Wentz threw one in traffic to WR Jordan Matthews. As Matthews tried to pull the ball to his chest, Atlanta safety Keanu Neal launched — helmet-first — at Matthews' face.

Matthews was obliterated. He dropped the ball (give him some slack on this one) and crumpled to the ground. He eventually rose with a cracked face mask, bloody lip and expectation that a flag would be thrown.

It wasn't.

Two years ago, the NFL added rules to protect its players. Helmet-to-helmet hits were outlawed. Assaulting a "defenseless receiver" became grounds for a 15-yard penalty.

Either of those would have applied to the hit on Matthews on Sunday. Neither was called. At the moment, head coach Doug Pederson hollered at the refs — as did some of the Eagles medical staff. After the game, Pederson became more circumspect, not wanting to draw a fine and the ire of hypersensitive Commissioner Roger Goodell. Pederson will, no doubt, send tape of the episode to the league, but who thinks that will accomplish anything?

Matthews was less mealy-mouthed, saying of the refs: "I don't know if they were watching the game or if they were thinking about going to Chickie's [and Pete's] later."

Don't misunderstand me. I don't think the NFL has it out for the Eagles. Last week's Buffalo-Seattle game was ruined by inane officiating. Every team in the league likely has a good case against the zebras.

The Eagles won this game, and may have even benefitted from a makeup call shortly after the missed penalty on Matthews. But the larger picture is this: Our favorite game is threatened by the guys who stand on the field not even playing it.

Macnow's musings

- We've been waiting for Carson Wentz to direct a game-winning touchdown drive in the fourth quarter. Sunday he did, although this wasn't an epic Favre-ian one for the highlight reels.
- If you're keeping track, the Vikings have now lost four straight. That first-rounder the Eagles got for Sam Bradford may end up coming earlier than the one the Eagles sent to Cleveland.
- In other news, pitchfork-hands Nelson Agholor is still useless.
- Jim Schwartz's defense demands recognition. Holding the NFL's No. 1 offense to 15 points and 11 first downs was a tremendous accomplishment.
- And give credit to the 69,596 fans at Lincoln Financial Field Sunday. They were raucous from the first kickoff.

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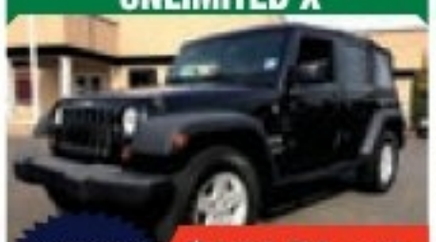
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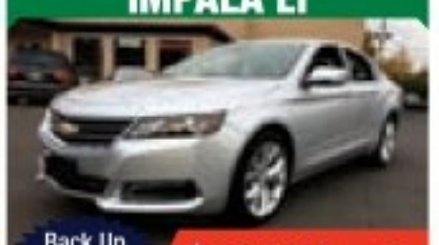
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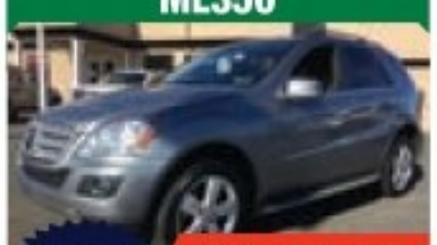
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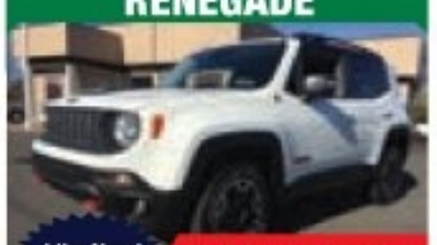
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Flyers' starting goalie job all Mason's after Neuvirth's injury

Steve Mason has been given every opportunity to put a stranglehold around the No. 1 starting goalie job for the Flyers this season.

However, each time — and there have been many of them already in the first two months — he's turned in mediocre, or worse, performances and been replaced for multiple games at a time by backup Michal Neuvirth.

Mason has been given another shot to prove once and for all he deserves to be the main guy between the pipes for coach Dave Hakstol's club for the rest of the year.

The team announced that Neuvirth suffered a sprained knee during the first period of Saturday's 3-2 win over the Wild and will be out four to six weeks. Rookie Anthony Stolarz has been called up from the Phantoms to replace Neuvirth.

Steve Mason just became a lot more valuable. NHLI VIA GETTY IMAGES

Neuvirth's misfortune allows Mason more of a leash to get into a rhythm. With the untested Stolarz behind him, don't expect to see Mason benched as quickly as he has so far this year after a lackluster game.

Despite a strong preseason, Mason carries a 3-5-2 record, .341 goals against average and .880 save percentage into Tuesday's home game against the Senators. With Saturday's win in relief, Mason broke a four-game losing streak. He was given the night off on Saturday after allowing six goals, including four in the third period, on 23 shots in Toronto on Friday.

"I thought the boys played a strong game coming in off of [Friday]," Mason said following Saturday's game. "Obviously we were pretty embarrassed coming out of the third period. I came in [Saturday] and had a meeting and it wasn't really a positive meeting. It was showing stuff that I can maybe be better at."

Thrust into action against 24 hours later, Mason was better, making 19 of 20 saves.

"I hope [Saturday's effort] continues to boost his confidence," Hakstol said. "Mason has nothing to be embarrassed about. He shows up and he works hard and he battles hard every day. Things haven't quite gone as well early on but that is the game."

The major knock against both goalies has been their inability to make a big save in a key moment. Mason delivered one against the Wild with less than 10 seconds remaining in the game.

"He came in and played an unbelievable [two] periods for us," defenseman Michael Del Zotto said. ERIC GOLDSTEIN

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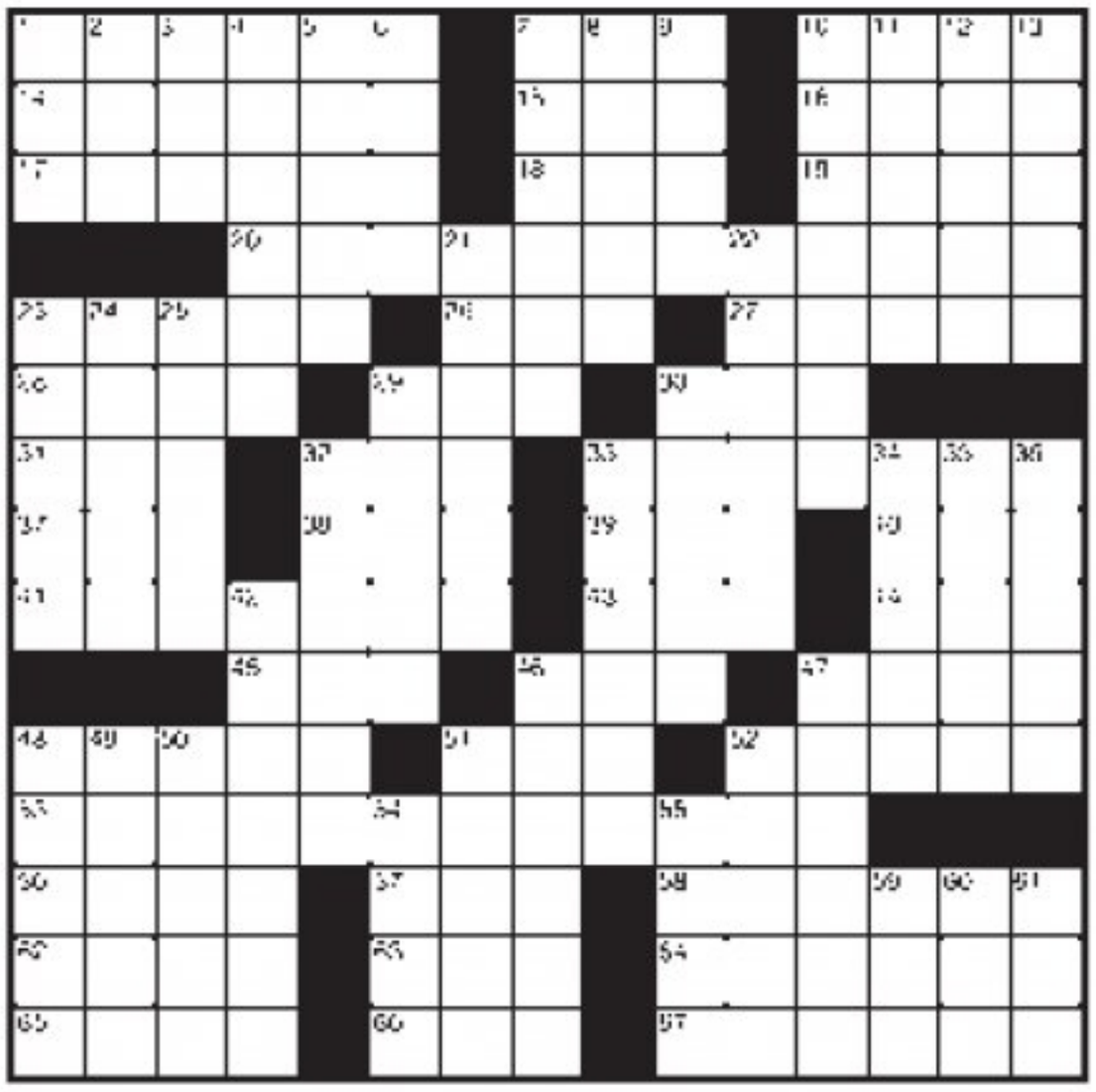

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Aries It's a good day to get things done. Work independently if it will deter others from slowing you down. A short trip will give you something to think about.

Taurus A change at work shouldn't disrupt your productivity. Hunker down and finish whatever you are responsible for. What you accomplish will secure your position.

Gemini If you make plans that will challenge you mentally, physically and emotionally, you will attract interesting people. Try to help others, but don't get taken for granted.

Cancer Secret matters are best kept that way. Someone will try to disclose information that will be harmful to your plans. Don't overspend when trying to impress others.

Leo Bringing about change that you believe is necessary will encourage new friendships and a better understanding of gratitude. Speak on behalf of those who cannot.

Virgo You need to pay more attention to what's going on at your home and within your relationships. Go out of your way to keep the peace and put others at ease.

Libra Changes at home will encourage greater cash flow. Check out your vocational options and pick up information that will help you improve your earning potential.

Scorpio You have to show strength and courage if you want to get ahead. Don't let anyone take control or coax you to overspend. Do your own thing and avoid discord.

Sagittarius Partnerships are best dealt with openly. Don't be afraid to share your feelings and to let others know where you stand and what your intentions are.

Capricorn You must keep things in perspective. It will be easy to miscalculate, leaving you at odds in any given situation involving others. Self-improvement is your best bet.

Aquarius You should take an energetic approach to your life, responsibilities and personal and professional goals. The more you do, the more you will get in return.

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- Take 24 mg of buprenorphine (Subutex® or Suboxone®) daily

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